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Applicants: Manfred ROTHARDT and Michael WILLSCH
Int'l App. No. PCT/DE00/03078
Application No.: NEW
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING AN OPTICAL GRATING ON AN
OPTICAL CONDUCTOR AND DEVICE COMPRISING A
GRATING OF THIS TYPE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

March 8, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for producing at least one optical grating on an optical conductor, comprising:

durably fixing the conductor at least at two fixing points, arranged at a distance from one another; and

producing the grating on the fixed conductor between the fixing points.